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An act to amend Sections 900 and 901 of the Health and Safety Code,  
relating to public health, and making an appropriation therefor, to take  
effect immediately, bill related to the budget.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 900 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

900. There is hereby created the Children's Environmental Health Center within the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment of the California Environmental Protection Agency. The primary purposes of the center shall include all of the following:

(a) To serve as the chief advisor to the Secretary for Environmental Protection and to the Governor on matters within the jurisdiction of the California Environmental Protection Agency relating to environmental health and environmental protection as each of those matters relates to children.

(b) To assist the boards, and departments, ~~and offices~~ within the California Environmental Protection Agency to assess the effectiveness of statutes, regulations, and programs designed to protect children from environmental hazards.

(c) To coordinate within the California Environmental Protection Agency and with other state agencies, regulatory efforts, research and data collection, and other programs and services that impact the environmental health of children, and coordinate with appropriate federal agencies conducting related regulatory efforts and research and data collection.

(d) In consultation with the ~~State Air Resources Board and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment~~ Office of the Secretary for Environmental Protection and the boards and departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency, and notwithstanding Section 7550.5 of the Government Code, to report to the Legislature and the Governor no later than ~~December 31, 2001~~ January 1, 2014, and biennially thereafter, on the progress of ~~the state board and the office~~

toward implementing the act that added this part during the 1999–2000 Regular Session this section and to make recommendations for any statutory or regulatory changes that may be necessary to carry out the intent of that act to protect the public health, including infants and children, from air pollutants and toxic air contaminants harmful environmental exposures.

SEC. 2. Section 901 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

901. (a) As used in this section:

(1) “Center” means the Children’s Environmental Health Center established pursuant to Section 900.

(2) “Office” means the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment.

(b) ~~On or before June 30, 2001,~~ As part of its duties pursuant to Section 900, the office shall review cancer risk assessment guidelines for use by the office and the other entities within the California Environmental Protection Agency to establish cancer potency values or numerical health guidance values that adequately address carcinogenic exposures to the fetus, infants, and children.

(c) The review required by subdivision (b) shall include a review of existing state and federal cancer risk guidelines, as well as new information on carcinogenesis, and shall consider the extent to which those guidelines address risks from exposures occurring early in life.

(d) The review required by subdivision (b) shall also include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) The development of criteria for identifying carcinogens likely to have a greater impact if exposures occur early in life.

(2) The assessment of methodologies used in existing guidelines to address early-in-life exposures.

(3) The construction of a database of animal studies to evaluate increases in risks from short-term early-in-life exposures.

(e) On or before June 30, 2004, the office shall finalize and publish children's cancer guidelines that shall be protective of children's health. These guidelines shall be revised and updated as needed by the office.

(f) (1) ~~On or before December 31, 2002, the~~ The office shall publish and update as needed a guidance document, for use by the Department of Toxic Substances Control and other state and local environmental and public health agencies, to assess exposures and health risks at existing and proposed schoolsites. The guidance document shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(A) Appropriate child-specific routes of exposure unique to the school environment, in addition to those in existing exposure assessment models.

(B) Appropriate available child-specific numerical health effects guidance values, and plans for the development of additional child-specific numerical health effects guidance values.

(C) The identification of uncertainties in the risk assessment guidance, and those actions that should be taken to address those uncertainties.

(2) The office shall consult with the Department of Toxic Substances Control and the State Department of Education in the preparation of the guidance document required by paragraph (1) to ensure that it provides the information necessary for these

two agencies to meet the requirements of Sections 17210.1 and 17213.1 of the Education Code.

(g) ~~On or before January 1, 2002, the~~ The office, in consultation with the appropriate entities within the California Environmental Protection Agency, shall identify those chemical contaminants commonly found at schoolsites and determined by the office to be of greatest concern based on criteria that identify child-specific exposures and child-specific physiological sensitivities. ~~On or before December 31, 2002, and annually thereafter~~ an annual basis, the office shall publish and make available to the public and to other state and local environmental and public health agencies and school districts, numerical health guidance values for no less than five of those chemical contaminants identified pursuant to this subdivision until all of the contaminants identified have been exhausted. The office shall revise and update these guidance values as needed.

(h) ~~On and after January 1, 2002~~ 2014, and biennially thereafter, the center shall report to the Legislature and the Governor on the implementation of this section as part of the report required by subdivision (d) of Section 900. The report shall include, but not be limited to, information on revisions or modifications made by the office and other entities within the California Environmental Protection Agency to cancer potency values and other numerical health guidance values in order to be protective of children's health. The report shall also describe the use of the revised health guidance values in the programs and activities of the office and the other boards and departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency.

(i) Nothing in this section relieves any entity within the California Environmental Protection Agency of complying with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 2 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, to the extent that chapter is applicable to the entity on or before July 19, 2000, or January 1, 1998.

SEC. 3. The sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the California Environmental Protection Agency for administration.

SEC. 4. This act is a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill within the meaning of subdivision (e) of Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution, has been identified as related to the budget in the Budget Bill, and shall take effect immediately.

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, \_\_\_\_\_.

General Subject: Environmental health protection: Children's Environmental Health Center.

Existing law establishes the Children's Environmental Health Center within the California Environmental Protection Agency, and provides the center with advisory and other duties relating to the effect of the environment on children's health. Existing law requires the center, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, to report to the Legislature and to the Governor by December 31, 2001, as specified.

This bill would transfer the authority for the Children's Environmental Health Program to the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment within the California Environmental Protection Agency. This bill would require the center to instead consult with the Office of the Secretary for Environmental Protection and the boards and

departments within the agency, extend the reporting deadline to January 1, 2014, and require the center to report on a biennial basis.

Existing law requires the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to identify, by January 1, 2002, certain contaminants and publish numerical health guidance values for 5 of those contaminants by December 31, 2002, and on an annual basis thereafter. Existing law requires the center to report on these activities to the Legislature and to the Governor by January 1, 2002, and on a biennial basis thereafter.

This bill would require the office to publish the values for no less than 5 of the contaminants, require the office to revise and update the values as needed, and extend the reporting deadline to January 1, 2014. This bill would also make related changes.

This bill would appropriate \$1,000 from the General Fund to the California Environmental Protection Agency for administration.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.